

**PATENT**

Please enter the following amended claims.

61. (Three times amended) A vehicle having a forward compartment for carrying a driver, and including at least one door into the forward compartment, and an enclosure for passengers, merchandise or equipment wherein the enclosure is disposed to the rear of the driver compartment, and further wherein the enclosure is bounded by exterior, contoured side panels and a rear, including at least one rear door, and optionally at least one side door, and wherein the side panels are configured to accommodate a wheel well adjacent each side panel;

the vehicle comprising at least one storage area disposed between the rear-most side door and the rear of the vehicle, and adjacent at least one exterior, contoured side panel and extending into the enclosure of the vehicle, and wherein the side panel adjacent the storage area includes a hinged section effective to provide an opening from the exterior of the vehicle into the storage area, and further wherein the separation width and cross sectional contour of the side panels of the enclosure is substantially the same as the separation width and cross-sectional contour of the forward compartment where it adjoins the side panels of the enclosure.

85. (Three times amended) A vehicle comprising a driver's compartment and a rear compartment contained within the same enclosure, the rear compartment including a storage system, the rear compartment comprising:

a floor area bounded on either side by side panels with exterior surfaces defining the width of the rear compartment, two opposed wheel wells, one at each side of the floor panel, and wherein the side panels of the rear compartment are substantially aligned with the driver's compartment,

at least one hinged section in the exterior surface of at least one of the side panels,